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Dear Harold:

I intended to take only excerpts of the enclosed Franz Schurmann-Marty Gehlen commentary, but ended transcribing it virtually word for word. One doesn't need to agree with all the details to regognize its grasp of what has been going on. You might note Schurmann's pegging the turning point as the bombing of the French mission in Hanoi. McDonald's detail from Nassau and Philadelphia fits right in.

Your 43 through 46 arrived today along with R. Q was already here. Haven't had time to read them in detail yet, and in the meantime will get this off . It won't reach you until the 2nd as it is.

If no one has sent you a copy of the Freep for Dec. 22, please say so. It has two things you'll want to see: A story about Wecht, and Garrison's reply to the US Supreme Court's decision on Nov. 20 preventing Shaw's prosecution. We meant to pick up an extra copy for you but waited too long. If no one has sent it, we can make copies for you.

We're still fighting off our colds. This was a new and different bug that hit us, apparently, something the local medics are talking about as "British flu." In any case, the STM had her worst day yesterday, is improved today, and I continue to improve but neither of us is performing any brilliant feats of any kind.

It seems unfair to blame what's going around on our loyal British allies. After all, the Heath government is catching hell from the Labourites for being the only major power not to condemn the bombing of Hanoi.

More later, and best from us both,

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